

TEACHES HOW TO TELL ONE JOKE IN ONE MINUTE

Grenville Kleiser Busy Preparing
for Public Speakers'
Club Ordeal.

"TRY OUT" ON FRIDAY.

Big Show Will Be Held at the
Hotel Astor on March 20
With 20 Contestants.

Getting down to it, we needn't be
handing out all the laurel wreaths and
such like to this American humor thing.
All American humor "now in the U. S.
A., ta-ra, ta-ra, ta-ra-ra," has its origin
in twenty-one long deceased old jokes,
says Grenville Kleiser, instructor of the
Public Speakers' Club, which is to hold a
rehearsal of funny after dinner stories
on Friday night next in the auditorium
of the West Side Y. M. C. A.

The rehearsal is a sort of preliminary
bout to the big show of the club on
March 20 at the Hotel Astor, when 500
after-dinner speakers will go to the rostrum
each determined to tell a funny
story a minute or take the count. The
elimination trials on Friday next, when
each member will be limited to one minute
in telling his yarn, will be strictly
referred by Mr. Kleiser, who will ring
the gong on any one observed clutching
the ropes.

To make things harder, Mr. Kleiser
won't allow one of the stories
springing from the old twenty-one story
root to be sprung. They must all be as
new as the pure drama agitation.

"Oh, you'd be surprised," said young
Mr. Kleiser, "if you heard the stupid
old chestnuts my friends have tried to
spring on me; but at that, there are
any number who find subject for humor
in them."

The Chicken in the Road.

"For instance, Mr. —, —, well, on sec-
ond thought I won't mention his name
— but he's a great big insurance man
in this town. Well, sir, he told the old
story about the chicken crossing the
road. If you'll believe me, he had that
chicken crossing a meadow, thereby
ruining the point. You take me!"

Hereupon Mr. Kleiser, who is probably
the best hair-brushed man in New
York, leaned back and laughed, and
Miss Johnson, the auburn-haired stenog-
rapher—ah, Miss Johnson—she laughed,
too. Here it may be fitting to say that
Mr. Kleiser has offices at No. 1259 Broad-
way—right over a Turkish bath and next
door to a blonde chirpologist. Of course,
you've heard that story?" asked Mr.
Kleiser. "Of course, I expected as much.
You newspaper men hear everything.
Well, anyhow, the point is the chicken
crossed the road to—oh, no matter, I
see you've heard it."

A painful silence ensued for a few
seconds, then Mr. Kleiser, with a sound
like the "fresh young note of April" in
his voice, said, more in sorrow than in
anger:

"And that one about the three eggs?"
Noticing no great indications of mirth
on the part of the reporter, Mr. Kleiser
stopped once more. Then, unable
apparently to restrain himself, he ex-
claimed in regretful tones:

"Too bad!"
"Of course, you see," he hastened to
explain, "we are to have women in the
audience the night of our banquet, and
we don't want Klaw & Erlanger criti-
cizing what we put across, so that makes
it harder."

At this four strangers tapped on the
door and entered the room at the cheery
cry of "Come in!"

The Quartet of Jokers.

The first was a bald-headed stranger
with a few heroic pink hairs running
about his ears. The second a pho-
tophysical person, with black-plummed
spectacles, and a blue and green check-
ered handkerchief, and the third and fourth
sparse grays built on the general spec-
ifications of herring.

"I was just telling of a little rehearsal
on Friday," said Mr. Kleiser, looking at
the reporter.

"Yes, oh yes," said the quartet.
"You seem half trained already,"
said Kleiser. "Tense as an evicted
notice," muttering to the quartet.

The four sat down in solemn line on
a large settee, and gazed admiringly at
their instructor. In reply to further
questions, as the muck-rakers write,
Mr. Kleiser said that the joke a minute
rule would go next Friday in the strict-
est acceptance of the word.

"I shall have a song on the platform,"
he said, "and cut short any story that
hasn't reached its point in the minute
limit. Any good story teller can tell
any sort of story in that limit."

The row on the bench smiled appre-
hensively.

Called for Lessons.
"They're here to get lessons," ex-
plained Mr. Kleiser. "They're afraid
they can't tell a story a minute!"

Here another knock at the door inter-
rupted the proceedings.

"Whatever do you want?" exclaimed
auburn-haired brown-eyed Miss John-
son to the blue-plummed vandal who in-
terrupted.

"Please, miss; I'm the express," he
stuttered. "I've got two boxes of Pick-
ings from Pack below. Shall I bring
'em up?"

"Why, yes, at once," said Mr. Kleiser,
with a merry smile. "You see," to the
reporter, "my wife and children love to
read them."

The patient row of humorists tilted.
Mr. Kleiser gazed at them with a re-
proving glance.

"Pickings from Pack" need not ex-
cite your mirth," he said, ruffling up his
bright young hair. "The newest story
is old. Look! Miss Johnson, please
post these letters (business of Miss
Johnson retreating, with comprehending
smile).

"Well, last night," confided Mr.
Kleiser, "I was out with an old gen-
tleman of seventy—a gay old dog—seen

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GRENVILLE
KLEISER

everything, done everything (row of
youths on seats much embarrassed, but
tittering). Well, I told him that row
one about the teacher and the pupil."

Applause by the Quartet.
"Ha-ha! Ho-ho-ho!" from the row
on the bench.

Mr. Kleiser (much gratified): "Well,
the teacher asked the class, 'I say, which
were the most destructive, the silk
worms or the sparrows—on, wait; I
started this wrong.'"

(Class on bench view prospects with
alarm for fear of Miss Johnson re-
turning inopportunely.)

"I say," continued Mr. Kleiser, "I
told him how the teacher told of silk
worms being imported to eat insects off
the trees in Central Park, and then
sparrows being brought over from Eng-
land to eat the silk worms; you see, the
silk worms had multiplied. Well, then,
the teacher told how the sparrows multi-
plied faster than the silk worms, till
they infested the country."

(One minute.)
"Well, then, the teacher having
brought out that point, asked the class
which they thought was the worst pest.
You see what I mean?"

The class—"We do! We do!"
"Well, as I was saying, the teacher
asked which the pupils thought in-
fested the country most. You see, the
worms ate the insects and the sparrows

ate the worms. Do you get that? To
continue, the teacher asked:

(Two minutes.)
The Joke Continued.

"The teacher asked, I said, the teacher
asked her class which were the worst—
the worms or the sparrows."

"Which, pupils," she asked, "was the
worst affliction—the worms or the spar-
rows?"

(Business of awed silence, and three
minutes pass.)
"Well, I'll tell you. Now, here's the
funny part. A little girl jumps up in
the classroom and says: 'Teacher, I
don't know which was the worst. Why
don't you?' asked the teacher."

"I never had the sparrows," replied
the child.
"Oh-ho-ho-ho! Oh, dear! Ah-ha-ha-
ha-ha! Ho-ho-ho!" yelled the benches.
"Very good. On, dear! Oh-ho-ho-ha-
ha-ha-ha!"

"And what do you suppose my old
friend of seventy said?" asked Mr.
Kleiser in spiritual tones.

"What?" chorused the class.
"Why, that he first heard that story
in 1883, and again in 1884," said Mr.
Kleiser, "but I got even on him by
telling that one about the dirty collar."

"What's that?" chorused the class,
ecstatically.
"One or two," cried Mr. Kleiser, the
arbiter of the one-minute joke. On the
wall of Mr. Kleiser's office hangs a
painted sign—one of those Ebert Hud-
bard knock-knocks:

"Aim high, and believe yourself
capable of better things."

DUTCH POET HERE TO
ABOLISH HUMAN ILLS.
Dr. Van Eeden Hopes to Form a
Corporation to Establish Com-
munist Colonies.

Dr. Frederick van Eeden, of Holland,
poet, scientist, artist and sociologist,
whose views on communism attracted
so much attention a year ago when he
visited here, is again in New York, and
he comes this time with a well defined
plan for the elimination of all human
ills and the realization of universal hap-
piness.

"I am going to form a corporation—or
a trust, as you call it here in America,"
he said yesterday, "whose scope will be
world-wide and whose object will be the
suppression of usury, special privilege
and barter. The trust will eliminate the
man who does not work, the drone who
disparages his usefulness."

"The corporation will be conducted on
purely business lines. We will have a
company with a president, a treasurer,
a secretary, and we will have a board
of trustees. I do not know who the of-
ficers and the trustees will be, but they
must be men of high standing and un-
doubted honesty. The general manager
must be a capable business man, and
the basic principle will be the prevention
of unemployment and mal-employment."

Dr. van Eeden hopes to organize sev-
eral communist colonies in America.

ROBBERS TRAVEL ON THEATRE TRAIN

They Stop Off at Bay Shore
L. I., Blow Safe, Wreck Sta-
tion, Then Go Their Way.

(Special to The Evening World.)
BAY SHORE, L. I., Feb. 18.—Burglars
broke into the Bay Shore depot early
to-day and blew the safe open, partly
wrecking the building, the door of the
strongbox being blown through the
ticket office across the rooms, shattering
the seats and indenting the wall.

The explosion was heard by several
persons in the village, but no one took
enough interest to investigate the mat-
ter, and the robbery was not discovered
until Depot Master Drake arrived at the
station this morning.

It is supposed that the crooks came
in on the theatre train, which arrives
here shortly before 2 A. M., and that
the crime was committed shortly after
that hour.

No clue has been obtained that is
likely to lead to the arrest of the rob-
bers, who got only \$40.

OHIO FARMER AERONAUT
FLIES IN AEROPLANE.

W. H. Martin, of Canton, Uses a
Horse in Starting His Ascent—
Covered 250 Feet.

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fall, before and after you get it.

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